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Sir:

In order to present a more complete record, the Applicants would like to have the following four references made of record in the file of Patent # 6,794,196, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.501. A copy of the O'Leary publication is enclosed.

- US Patent 5,238,729 (Debe)
- US Patent 5,437,999 (Diebold et al.)
- US Patent 3,676,188 (Silverman et al.)
- O'Leary et al. Metal-sensing Layer-semiconductor and Metal-sensing Layer-metal Heterostucture Gas Sensors. Proc. Electrochem. Soc. 1987, Vol 87-9 (Proc. Symp. Chem. Sens.), pages 49-54.

These four references were cited in the PCT International Search Report of April 28, 2001. However, Applicants do not believe that these references affect the patentability of the allowed claims, since these claims have been amended from those filed in the PCT Application.

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